March 4, 2018
Third Sunday of Lent

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday 5:30 pm Anticipation of Sunday
Sunday 8:00 am, 10:30 am and 4:30 pm
Monday - Friday
7:15 am, Noon, 5:15 pm
In the Chapel of Our Lady located in the lower level.

Saint Louis University Campus Ministry:
Sunday: 9:00 pm (when the University is in session)
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Monday-Friday: 10:45 am through Noon
Saturday: 4:30 pm through 5:30 pm

Mission Statement

We, the members of St. Francis Xavier College Church, form a welcoming Jesuit parish community. As followers of Jesus Christ, we praise God, love our neighbors as ourselves, celebrate liturgy and the sacraments, engage in lifelong formation and proclaim God’s reign of justice, mercy and peace.
The Parish Center is closed if St. Louis City Schools are closed due to bad weather. Activities and events are also cancelled.

**Hours:** Monday - Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Saturday we are closed & Sunday: 8:30 am to 1:00 pm.

**Bulletin Notices:** must be submitted to marykay.horan@slu.edu by noon on Thursday, ten days before the bulletin date. Holidays require additional time.

**Infant Baptisms:** contact Fr. Jason Brauninger, SJ at 314-977-7301 for scheduling and preparation information at least 45 days in advance. Baptisms are celebrated on the first and third Sunday of the month, at 12:00 pm.

**Christian Initiation of Adults:** contact Joe Milner at 314-977-7305 or joseph.milner@slu.edu

**Marriages:** contact Sandy Hauck at 314-977-7303 for scheduling and preparation information.

**Funerals:** contact Fr. Dan White, SJ or Sister Carolyn McWaters, RSM. To notify the parish of a funeral for a family member not at the College Church, please contact Mary Beth Erickson at 314-977-7304 or church@slu.edu.

**Disability Access:** Our church has an elevator and hearing assistance system. Please see an usher for assistance.

**Parish Registration:** Available online at collegechurch.slu.edu or at the Parish Center front desk. For questions, contact Mary Beth Erickson at 314-977-7304.

**Religious Education:** Available for kindergarten through eighth grade. Classes meet September - May on Sunday mornings. Ages 3-6 use the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Contact Angie Doerr at 314-977-7302 or angeline.doerr@slu.edu

**Liturgy of the Word for Children:** Celebrated weekly for children in kindergarten - seventh grade at 10:30 am Sunday Mass. Childcare is available for children ages six months through pre-kindergarten during the 10:30 am Mass in the Parish Center Nursery. Contact Angie Doerr at 314-977-7302 or angeline.doerr@slu.edu.

**Tours of the Church:** Contact Mary Beth Erickson at 314-977-7304 or email church@slu.edu
The three traditional spiritual practices for Lent are prayer, fasting and almsgiving. They are good to do year round, but each receives a particular emphasis during these forty days. Each is worth pondering this holy season.

You might be aware of the “thoughts and prayers” phenomenon. This refers to the response of some a horrible tragedy like the deadly shooting in Florida. Civic leaders, celebrities, talking heads, etc. express the victims and families are in their thoughts and prayers. This has become so common (google it) there has been an outraged backlash. Critics say this leads to inaction, and prayers are simply pious words to enable the status quo.

I feel this is a failure to understand many people believe in prayer’s power. A radical openness to God in prayer is essential to faith. Prayer allows us to be in solidarity and communion with those who are suffering. Prayer moves us to compassion.

Those who glibly speak of prayer make the same mistake as their critics. If you are really praying, you will be changed. Authentic prayer leads to action. Think of the example of Jesus in Gospels who prays continually to the Father. Prayer can not be separated from the rest of our lives, nor is it condescending dodge to keep us from facing reality.

Prayer should comfort and confront us. Seeking God will bring peace, but also disturb and challenge.
WELCOME TO COLLEGE CHURCH!

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Gathering Song: Gather Us In Mercy, Lord

Kyrie:

Liturgy of the Word

Children’s Dismissal for Liturgy of the Word (10:30)

Responsorial Psalm 51: Be Merciful, O Lord (5:30, 8:00)

Psalm 95: If Today You Hear God’s Voice (10:30)

Gospel Acclamation: Glory to You, O Word of God

Dismissal of Catechumens and Candidates:
Intercessions Response:  

Huck, Alonzo

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Preparation of Gifts:  Turn My Heart, O God (10:30)

Holy, Holy (Mass of Charity and Love)  

Steve Warner

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Memorial Acclamation

| **Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.** |
March 4, 2018

Amen

Communion Rite

Breaking of Bread: Lamb of God

Communion Song: Mercy, O God

Meditation: (10:30) Song Over the Waters

Concluding Rite

Recessional Song: Healing River of the Spirit

Women’s Retreat

Get away from it all for a weekend! Experience the beautiful surroundings, prayerful environment, delicious food (that you do NOT have to cook), comfortable rooms and insightful presenters at King’s House in Belleville. Make a retreat with other women from our parish on April 6-8. Join us for a time of rest, renewal, and spiritual nourishment, just 15 minutes from St. Louis. Contact one of our parish captains: Madeleine Ortman (314) 956-8839, or Tina Saunders (314) 739-4885 for further information.

Pray for the Deceased

Please remember in your prayers Marilyn Adams, mother of parishioner Laura Fister and Kathy Lester, sister of parishioner Chris Redford. May they and all the departed share in the peace and joy of God’s presence forever.
Grab Your Popcorn: Lent Goes to the Movies

There are many ways to direct our prayer and spiritual life during Lent. A somewhat unconventional aid is cinema. Certain films are excellent resources to deepen the themes of the season. This Lent we will feature two films each week from two well-known cinephiles, our pastor and our provincial Fr. Ron Mercier. Here are their selections for the Third Week of Lent.

Fr. Dan

**Of Gods and Men** (2011) A French film based on the true story of a Cistercian monastery in Algeria caught up in the civil war between Islamic jihadists and the government. As the danger from both sides threatens both their community and the people around them, they must choose to stay or return to France. This is the movie Jean Vanier mentions in the first chapter of our Lenten book. One of the finest depictions of religious life you will find in a film. **Rated PG-13**

Fr. Ron

**12 Angry Men** (1957) This film focuses on the jury deliberations in a murder case involving an adolescent man, a Puerto Rican, accused of murder. The jurors, played by an outstanding cast that included Henry Fonda, Lee J. Cobb, and Martin Balsam, have to determine his guilt or innocence. What seems to be an open-and-shut case gives rise to tense debate among the jurors and reveals much about each of them. In this Lenten season, as we think of Jesus’ vulnerability and his offer of healing to all, a number of themes for prayer arise: the cost of discipleship when the call to truth asks one to stand alone, the biases we bring that can obscure the truth even when another’s life is at stake, the memories that need healing. **Rated G**
Join Us **TODAY** for A Road Trip In Israel/Palestine 
...what the travel brochures don’t tell you

Come to the Ballroom Sunday, March 4 after the 10:30 Mass (program will begin around noon), to hear parishioner Lea Koesterer share her experience traveling to Israel and Palestine as part of the Interfaith Peace Builders Olive Harvest Delegation.

Canaan Fair Trade food products will also be available for tasting! Maftoul, Freekeh, Olive/caper tapenade, Olive oils: Rumi, garlic infused, crushed chili infused.

"**Witnessing Whiteness** Book Group at College Church Starting August 2018

Witnessing Whiteness book groups are opportunities coordinated by the YWCA and aimed at helping white folks to learn about racism and white supremacy in a group setting. Using the book *Witnessing Whiteness: The Need to Talk About Race and How to Do It* by Shelly Tochluk, group members meet twice a month for 10 sessions to explore:

- History and construction of white racial identity
- Community building within white spaces
- White culture and values and how US national culture reflects and largely rests of white culture, practices and values
- Manifestations of white supremacy and privilege
- Cross-racial communication, conflict, and relationship building
- Activation of white solidarity and accountability

We would love to start a College Church group in August 2018, but need to organize interest and a common meeting time for at least 15 people to be able to do it. Please email Christine at Christine@sfxstl.org if you are interested.

**Caring for Our Common Home: Two Showings of Blue Gold**

**WHEN**

1) Thursday March 15 - pizza (provided) at 5:45 pm, movie at 6:15, discussion at 7:45pm.
2) Sunday March 18 - movie at noon, discussion at 1:30 pm.

**WHERE**

SFX Ballroom.

**Rsvp to christine.dragonette@slu.edu or 977-7309**

The Circle of Creation invites you to view the ninety minute documentary *Blue Gold: World Water Wars*. The film documents the environmental issues behind why we are rapidly losing our fresh water supplies, the politics behind water ownership and distribution that are worsening the situation, and the scenarios of what will happen as water becomes increasingly scarce. The documentary looks at how we are using up water faster than it can be replenished through natural systems – we are mining as much as 15 times more groundwater than is being replenished, at the rate of 30 billion gallons a day. We’re also polluting it beyond use, destroying the wetlands that are natural filters, and blocking the rivers that carry nutrients that keep the water healthy and lands fertile. Basically, we’re desertifying the planet, and helping to send all our fresh water straight to the ocean via soil erosion, building more and more hardscaps, and cutting down forests. See dates and times above.
Adult Faith Formation

Christian Life Community

Living Ignatian spirituality in every day life
Join us and experience living your life based on Ignatius Loyola’s Spiritual Exercises. We will explore Christian Life Community as a way of life which combines community, mission, and prayer. We hope to begin a new group in March. Please contact Ann Padberg at 314-696-9610 or annpadberg@charter.net.

Scripture and My Life – Developing a Real Relationship With Christ Jesus

Were you a student of the Baltimore Catechism? Do you know about Jesus, but have been wondering how to get to really know Jesus? A small group meets each Sunday to discuss the Sunday scriptures and how they develop this relationship. It’s called “Dialogue with the Word,” and it takes place on Sundays after the 8:00 Liturgy (about 9:30 to about 10:20). This way folks can do this after the 8:00 or before the 10:30 Liturgies. No preparation needed. Just come as you are! Teens welcome, folks fresh from RCIA welcome! Facilitators are Lea Koesterer, Steve Gilbert, and Carla Mae Streeter, OP. Contact Carla Mae Streeter, OP (Coordinator) for more information at streeter@slu.edu or 314-256-8882.

Lenten Rites for those Preparing for Baptism

Our one catechumen at College Church, Shawn Scott, was declared Elect (ready for the sacraments of initiation) by Bishop Rivituso. As we journey through Lent, we pray for Shawn and celebrate the Scrutiny rites with him on the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent. These rites originated in the fourth century to help individuals recognize their need for God’s saving action and to help them scrutinize their hearts and lives under the loving guidance of the Holy Spirit. These rites are intended to uncover and heal all that is weak or sinful in the life of the Elect and to bring out and strengthen all that is upright and good. These rites are celebrated at mass so that the whole community may support the Elect in their final preparation for baptism. The rites also serve to remind us that we too need God to reveal to us those areas of weakness and sin so that God may heal them through prayer and sacrament of penance. God will also reveal to us the good work that God has done in us so that we may be evermore grateful.

The Scrutiny rites will be celebrated at the 10:30 mass today and for the next two weeks. Please pray for Shawn and for all in this community that we may be open to all that God has to show us and may accept God’s help to be better disciples.
XAVIER DAYS 2018

Congratulations to Mary McDevit, our 2018 Fr. Henry Bronsgeest, S.J. Award Winner! Thank you Fr. Jason Brauninger, S.J. for your reflection. Many thanks to the Parish Life Commission...you did a great job! Thanks to all who participated!
THEOLOGY FOR LIFE—SPRING 2018
WHO KILLED JESUS? A STUDY OF THE PASSION NARRATIVE IN MARK’s GOSPEL

Presented by Fr. Seán Charles Martin

On Palm Sunday in 2018, the story of Christ’s Passion will be proclaimed from the Gospel of Mark. In this series, Fr. Martin will guide us through an in-depth study of those specific passages in the Gospel. This will be an excellent Lenten preparation as we journey toward the commemoration of Christ’s death and resurrection on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

TUESDAYS FROM 6:30-8:30 P.M. MARCH 6, 13, 20, & 27

Cost: $20 per session or $75 for all 4 sessions. Attend as many as you wish. Contact 314.256.8804 or events@ai.edu for more information or to register.

IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY PROJECT
COMPANY OF GRACE EVENT

Join the Ignatian Spirituality Project (ISP) at the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet Motherhouse on Sunday, March 1, at 2:00 pm for our annual Company of Grace event. ISP offers retreats that give hope and healing to a vulnerable group, those who are homeless and in recovery from addiction.

The March 11 event will be keynoted by Paul Coutinho. We will welcome Ann Rotermund and Fred Domke, as champions against injustice, into the Company of Grace. Ann has led ISP St. Louis for 10 years. Fred started Bridge Bread which is a social enterprise offering hope and job opportunities to the homeless.

Cost is only $30; more details and tickets for the event can be purchased at http://bit.ly/ispymarch11. All proceeds from the event will benefit the work of the Ignatian Spirituality Project in St. Louis. Find out more about ISP at www.ispretreats.org

DONUT SUNDAY!

Donuts, coffee and juice will be offered after the 8:00 am and 10:30 am Masses Sunday, March 11. We are in need of additional volunteers to help with Donut Sunday. Please consider this!
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